

Important Notice:

Client participation payments (CPPs) ended on October 1, 2011.

Before October 1, 2011, when you received cash assistance and had a child support order, you also received up to \$50 a month in CPP when support was paid. Only families receiving cash assistance received CPP. The CPP change will **not** affect you if you do not receive cash assistance, or if you only receive other types of assistance (food assistance, child care, or medical services).

Client Participation Payment Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a client participation payment?

A client participation payment was a child support payment given to a custodial party on a child support order when the custodial party was receiving cash assistance (Family Independence Program [FIP]). The custodial party could receive up to \$50 of current child support paid each month. Client participation payments were only given to custodial parties receiving cash assistance. These payments stopped October 1, 2011.

2. Were client participation payments called something else in the past?

Yes. Client participation payments have been called the pass-through, rebate, and disregard.

3. Why have client participation payments stopped?

Due to changes to the fiscal year 2012 budget for the Department of Human Services, the State of Michigan is no longer able to pass through the \$50 client participation payments.

4. When did client participation payments stop?

The State of Michigan stopped paying client participation payments as of October 1, 2011.

5. Were client participation payments the only form of child support I would get if I receive cash assistance?

If you are a custodial party and you receive cash assistance, you **might** receive past-due support owed to you. You may also receive support if the support paid is more than the cash assistance you receive.

6. If my child receives public assistance other than cash assistance, will client participation payments stop?

You only received client participation payments if you received cash assistance and if child support was collected.

The support you receive while you only receive Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits, Child Development and Care (CDC), Medicaid, and other types of medical services will **not** change.

7. If I still have questions about my *child support order*, who do I ask?

Call your Friend of the Court office if you have more questions.

8. If I still have questions about my *assistance case*, who do I ask?

Call your family independence specialist if you have more questions.

9. If I receive cash assistance, can I keep all the support I receive?

Before October 1, 2011, you may have asked your family independence specialist if you could keep any child support that was more than \$50 in a single month.

After October 1, 2011, you must ask your family independence specialist if you can keep any child support you receive.